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FOR PREVENTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN

HYPERGLYCEMIC PATIENTS

## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the final Office Action dated July 2, 2008, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the July 2, 2008, Office Action was due on October 2, 2008. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due November 2, 2008. Since November 2, 2008, falls on a Sunday, a response is due the next business day, i.e. November 3, 2008. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

The pending Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.